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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed May 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Nucleic acids encoding huHsp47 and fragments were cloned into eukaryotic expression vectors. A nucleic acid encoding a fragment of huHsp47, in which the carboxy-terminal RDEL amino acid sequence is deleted, was PCR amplified from the pUC//huHsp47 plasmid using the following primers: 5' primer CGGAATTCTGGCCGAGGTGAAGAAACC (SEQ ID NO:23), 3' primer AGTTCCCACTGTTCTACGACCTACGACCTAGGGC (SEQ ID NO:24). The amplified product was ligated to the melittin secretion signal and Kozak sequences derived from pMel-Bac (Invitrogen, San Diego, CA) and the resulting fragment was cloned into the multiple cloning site of pEGFP-N1 (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) using general techniques well known to those of skill in the art. The resulting plasmid, eGFP-Hsp47, was transfected into EC.

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